

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Standard Operating Procedures**

## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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#### 2002 Gypsy Moth Eradication Project

1. The health and safety of the public, employees of the contractor, and employees of the Washington State Department of Agriculture will be the first concern in implementing the project.
2. Mixing and application of the insecticide will be done only by an appropriately licensed insecticide commercial applicator contractor and will be done only under the supervision of a Washington State Department of Agriculture treatment site monitor.
3. The insecticide will be applied according to label directions.
4. Residents in the affected eradication area will be notified of the projected dates and times of insecticide applications through direct mailings, open house presentations, and press releases. Additionally, a manned 1-800 hotline will be established to address further resident concerns, comments, and project suggestions. Recommendations concerning health and welfare issues will be included in public outreach efforts.
5. The project will commence at the appropriate stage of leaf and/or larval development.
6. Weather conditions, particularly wind, will play the largest role in determining when an effective application can be made. In the event of rainfall before spray has had sufficient time to adhere to the foliage, a re-spray may be necessary.
7. Work safety and spill control plans have been developed. The plans, together with all appropriate equipment and materials, will be on-site during applications.